

1600

English lantern Chamber Clocks;  
musical Clockwork.

1600 AD.

A northern European challenge to the Spanish and Portuguese trading empires took shape in the East India Company, founded in London in AD 1600. The Dutch and French followed suit, while other companies in those countries financed the creation of trading settlements in the Americas. The Dutch made deep inroads into the Portuguese empire, securing by force

a monopoly of the oriental spice trade  
and penetrating Brazil.

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Gilbert generated electricity by  
rubbing substances other  
than Amber

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British East India Company is  
Chartered.

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IEYASU ruled Japan. Moved Capital  
to EDO (Tokyo)

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Shakespeare's "Hamlet"



1650

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English East India Co. established  
to develop overseas trade.

AD1600

William Gilbert (English 1544-1603) suggested that the Earth is a giant magnet, which is why magnetic compasses indicate north.